



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
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The Honorable George Thurman
Principal Chief
Sac and Fox Nation
Route 2, Box 246
Stroud, OK 74079

Re: Offer of Consultation on the Wilcox Oil Company Superfund Site (OK0001010917)

Dear Principal Chief Thurman:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 is beginning work on a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Wilcox Oil Company Superfund Site (Site). The Site includes the inactive and abandoned Lorraine and Wilcox Oil refineries and is located in Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma. The property was utilized as a crude oil refinery from the mid-1920s to the mid-1960s and is approximately 125 acres. The refinery-waste source areas of concern include waste ponds and pits, a number of former tank storage areas, and the process areas. The potential contaminants of concern include lead and organic compounds (Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)). These potential contaminants of concern are found in soil, sediment, and waste material. A short fact sheet and a Site map are enclosed for further reference.

This Site was placed on the National Priorities List on December 12, 2013. As a result, EPA is beginning the RI/FS for the Site. The RI/FS identifies the type and extent of contamination, and it evaluates if there is a health risk for humans and wildlife. It identifies a list of clean up options that can be used to clean up the contamination at the Site, and provides the cost estimates for each clean up option. Based on results of the RI/FS phase, a Proposed Plan is written. The Proposed Plan identifies the preferred clean up option and the cost, and is provided to the public for review and comment.

Because the Site is near the Nation's jurisdictional service area, the EPA would like to offer the Nation the opportunity to engage in government-to-government consultation during the RI/FS activities. Identifying concerns the Nation may have as early as possible in the investigation process will allow EPA to address potential impacts to resources and practices. The RI/FS process is a long process taking multiple years to complete. The tribal consultation opportunity will begin as of the date of this letter **and last throughout the RI/FS process**. In addition, EPA has been and will continue to work closely with tribal technical staff through meetings that will be used to discuss site issues, provide site activity updates, report progress towards completion, and share or exchange site data and information.

Tribal consultation will be conducted in accordance with the EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes (www.epa.gov/tribal/consultation/consult-policy.htm). Should you have questions, concerns or wish to discuss this action or the Superfund program, please contact me at (214) 665-6701 or your staff may contact Katrina Higgins-Coltrain of my staff at (214) 665-8143. Should you wish to engage in consultation, please contact me or Mr. Mark Allen, Tribal Consultation Advisor, at (214) 665-2719.

Sincerely,

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Director
Superfund Division

Enclosures (4)

Cc: Jeremy Fincher, Environmental Director